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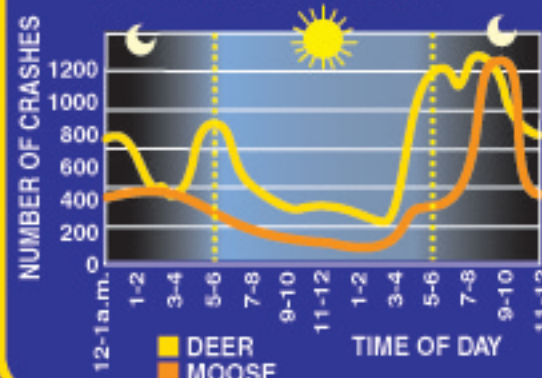
WILDLIFE/VEHICLE CRASHES

2002-2004

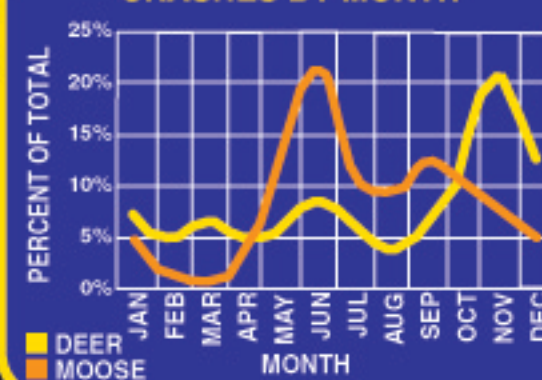
RELATIVE SIZE OF A MOOSE AND DEER COMPARED TO A SIX FOOT PERSON AND A MID-SIZE AUTOMOBILE



CRASHES BY TIME OF DAY



CRASHES BY MONTH



DEER
TOTAL CRASHES
2002-2004:
10,429



MOOSE
TOTAL CRASHES
2002-2004:
2,009

Wildlife crashes happen anywhere, anytime - but be especially alert:

- ◆ From dusk till dawn
- ◆ Driving through forested or rural areas
- ◆ When you see one deer or moose...they tend to travel in a group so there are often more animals nearby

If a crash is unavoidable...

- ◆ Apply the brakes
- ◆ Let up on the brakes just before impact
- ◆ Aim to hit the tail end of the animal if possible
- ◆ Duck to minimize injury

Watch for the reflection of headlights in the eyes of a deer. Because moose are taller, headlights don't reflect in their eyes. Instead, be on the lookout for a tall silhouette.

UNDER IDEAL DAYTIME DRIVING CONDITIONS, THE CHART BELOW SHOWS REACTION AND BRAKING DISTANCES AT 30, 50 AND 70 MILES PER HOUR.



Source: AASHTO Geometric Design of Highways and Streets



0 5 10 20 40
APPROX. SCALE IN MILES
0 5 10 20 40 60
APPROX. SCALE IN KILOMETERS

ANIMAL/VEHICLE CRASHES

- SINGLE CRASH LOCATION
- TWO CRASHES (same location)
- THREE CRASHES (same location)
- FOUR OR MORE CRASHES (same location)

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IN COOPERATION WITH:

- DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
- OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE
- OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

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